

**AN ORDINANCE BY
COUNCILMEMBER VERN McCARTY**

01-0 -1909

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE
TO RENAME THIRKELD AVENUE, SE IN ITS
ENTIRETY TO LORETTA KIMPSON AVENUE, SE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

*Vern E.
McCarty*

WHEREAS, the street currently known as Thirkeld Avenue, SE is within the corporate boundaries of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Loretta Kimpson was an active community leader that led by example, raising the bar high not only for herself, but for those who followed her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Loretta Kimpson had a desire to see that not only her five children, but all children were actively involved in school, church and their community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Loretta Kimpson was instrumental in organizing a church/community choir, a recreation center to help keep all children active and positively involved with their community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Loretta Kimpson was considered a beacon to the community and to children everywhere and was the recipient of numerous awards and citations for her service and her unwavering dedication to children; and

WHEREAS, notice and a public hearing on the proposed street name change will be done in accordance with the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, this will address any concerns the neighbors and the affected business community may have and will not cause any undue hardships for anyone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Mayor or his designee is authorized to rename Thirkeld Avenue, SE in its entirety to Loretta Kimpson Avenue, SE.

SECTION 2: The changes are effective upon the Mayor's approval.

SECTION 3: That the appropriate City agencies, including but not limited to the Departments of Police, Fire and Public Works, Bureau of Planning and the Clerk of Council, are hereby directed to take such steps as are necessary to have the name changed on street signs, maps and other official documents and markers.

SECTION 4: That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Awards and Commendations

- 1960.....*Parent of the Year: Lena Jean Campbell Elementary School*
- 1961.....*Atlanta Urban League: Outstanding Services to the Atlanta Community*
- 1965-66.....*Atlanta Urban League: Outstanding Services to the Atlanta Community*
- 1969.....*Coca-Cola Iota Bronze Woman in Citizenship*
Zeta Phi Lambda Sorority, Delta Chapter Woman of the Year 1969 for services rendered in the Field of Citizenship Community Service Award
- 1973.....*Emmanuel Baptist Church - Achievement Award for Outstanding Community Services, Mayor Sam Massell*
The Loretta Johnson Kimpson Recreation Building - For Outstanding Contributions to the South Atlanta Community: As a Civic Worker, Neighborhood Leader, Church Official and Fighter of Poverty, Despair and Apathy; Board of Alderman-City of Atlanta Park Committee Ordinance Naming Recreation Building at Thirkield Avenue Park Award for Outstanding Services in Community Leadership in the Price NSC, Services Rendered 1965-73 Price NSC.
- 1979.....*Certificate of Merit: Mayor Maynard Jackson for Distinguished Achievements In Your Neighborhood Planning Unit*
- 1981.....*Community Service Award*
- 1983.....*Certificate of Appreciation, Mt. Pleasant Food Program*
- 1986.....*Certificate of Recognition: Support of Recreational Program*
- 1989.....*Certificate of Merit: Mayor Andrew Young*
- 1991.....*Community Services Award*
- 1995.....*Community Service Award John C. Birdine Community Center*

Obituary

A TIME TO BE BORN - Mrs. Loretta Johnson Kimpson was born in Covington (Rockdale County) Georgia on October 16, 1913 to the late Lucius and Mary Johnson.

A TIME TO GROW - She attended Booker T. Washington High School where she played the French Horn in the school band. Loretta was a majorette and sung in the chorus under the direction of the renowned Graham Jackson.

A TIME TO LOVE - Loretta was united in holy matrimony with the late Alfred Edward Kimpson on March 4, 1934 and to this union five children were born; Alfred Jr., Mary Alice, Willene, Patricia and Wayman.

A TIME TO SERVE - Mrs. Kimpson was taught from an early age to worship God, serve her fellow man and take care of her family. She did not stray from her teachings and was an active church worker and community worker all of her life. Loretta was the founder of the Providence Baptist Church Children's Choir, where many of the children in the South Atlanta Community participated. Mrs. Kimpson saw a need for a place for young people to engage in constructive activity. This need led her to establish the Loretta Johnson Kimpson Neighborhood Center. She was an exemplary and committed leader to her community, friends and the City of Atlanta where she received numerous awards and honors for her service.

A TIME TO DIE - On November 11, 1995 God embraced Loretta Johnson Kimpson in His arms and enfolded her in His love, and took her to her heavenly home.

A TIME TO REMEMBER - Mrs. Kimpson leaves to cherish her memory Mr. and Mrs. Alfred (Muriel) Kimpson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. David (Mary Alice) Rucker, Mr. and Mrs. Otis (Willena) Price, Elder and Mrs. Robert (Patricia) Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Wayman (Jean) Kimpson, Ms. Betty Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Troy (Patricia) Henderson. A sister-in-law Mrs. Elise Kimpson of Detroit, MI. Twenty grand-children, twenty-two great grand-children and two great great grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

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- ☐ CONSENT REFER
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd

☐ 1st & 2nd

☐ 3rd

Readings

☐ Consent

☐ V Vote

☐ RRC Vote

CERTIFIED

MAYOR'S ACTION